(d) the details of steps taken by Government in order to avoid such incidents in trains, in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, on 31.5.2006, Railway Protection Force/North Central Railway during surprise check, apprehended two coach attendants (working under Private Contractors) of AC-III tier coaches of Train No. 2424 New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express at Allahabad and recovered 15 bottles of whisky from their possession. Both of them have been prosecuted under section 144 of the Railways Act, 1989.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Important trains including Rajdhani and Shatabdi are being escorted by Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police. As the complicity of the coach attendants and other railway staff and contractors men deployed for providing services in the trains has transpired, watch is being kept on them as far as practicable by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel deployed for escorting and access-control duties.

Inspection of catering and cleanliness at stations

† 1292. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had made surprise inspection of catering and cleanliness at the stations of Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government would fix the liability of officers to ensure sanitation at the stations and the availability of quality food in required quantity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some deficiencies were noticed in regard to quality and quantity of food items and cleanliness of bed rolls.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Suitable action has been initiated against the officers responsible.

(d) Assistant Manager, Delhi region has been shifted, Cheering Supervisor, Delhi has been suspended and charge sheeted for Major penalty under Disciplinary and Appeal Rules, Chief Inspector Catering, Base Kitchen and Chief Inspector Catering, Delhi have also been taken up.

Daitari-Banspani rail project

1293. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the target for completion of Daitari-Banspani rail project in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to ensure expeditious completion of other on-going rail projects in the State, to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The project is targeted for completion in 2006-07.

(c)A number of initiatives have been taken for expediting the progress of the projects. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has been entrusted with 3 New Line, 4 Doubling and 2 Railway Electrification projects for fast track execution. Other works are also being expedited by the railways through the provision of higher allocation in the year 2006-07.

Terrorist activities on railways

1294. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways are frequently targeted by terrorists for subversive activities;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the last three years;